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***"AN ACT CONCERNING HEDGE FUNDS."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
4 Bipartisan Senate Committee on Standards of Official Conduct that  
5 shall consist of six members, appointed as follows: Three majority  
6 caucus senators by the president pro tempore of the Senate, and three  
7 minority caucus senators by the president pro tempore of the Senate  
8 upon the recommendation of the Senate minority leader. The president  
9 pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint two cochairpersons of the  
10 committee, one of whom shall be appointed upon the recommendation  
11 of the Senate minority leader. Such appointments shall be made not  
12 later than ten days after the effective date of this section.

13 (b) Said committee shall have cognizance of any official Senate  
14 action in response to any misconduct by any member of the Senate.

15 "Misconduct" shall include any violation of state or federal election  
16 laws, any violation of the state code of ethics, including, but not  
17 limited to, a violation of the conflict of interest provision contained in  
18 subsection (a) of section 1-84 of the general statutes, any misuse of  
19 state property, including the submission of a false claim for  
20 compensation or reimbursement, any legal or ethical wrong or other  
21 conduct that materially impairs the ability of the member to perform  
22 the duties of his or her office, or any conduct that impugns the  
23 integrity of the Senate or undermines public trust and confidence in  
24 the Senate. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to affect the powers  
25 and duties of the Office of State Ethics or the Citizen's Ethics Advisory  
26 Board.

27 (c) A quorum, consisting of not less than two members of each  
28 caucus, shall be required to conduct any official business of the  
29 committee. All committee decisions shall require four affirmative  
30 votes.

31 (d) Upon the complaint of any person, signed under penalty of false  
32 statement, or upon its own complaint, the committee shall conduct a  
33 preliminary investigation into claims of any misconduct by any  
34 member of the Senate. Any committee member who is the subject of  
35 such a complaint shall recuse himself or herself from any committee  
36 action pertaining to such complaint. Such member shall be replaced,  
37 for purposes of committee action on such complaint, in the same  
38 manner in which such member was appointed.

39 (e) Any such preliminary investigation shall be confidential and not  
40 subject to disclosure. Upon the conclusion of any preliminary  
41 investigation, the committee shall vote to either (1) dismiss the  
42 complaint, or (2) make a finding of probable cause that misconduct has  
43 occurred. Upon a finding of probable cause by the committee, all  
44 information relating to the preliminary investigation shall, to the  
45 extent allowed by state and federal law, be made available to the  
46 public.

47 (f) The committee shall undertake a full investigation only after a  
48 finding of probable cause. All information relating to a full  
49 investigation shall, to the extent allowed by state and federal law, be  
50 made available to the public. All proceedings relating to a full  
51 investigation shall be open to the public. Upon the completion of a full  
52 investigation, the committee shall report its findings and  
53 recommendation in the form of a resolution to be voted upon by the  
54 Senate. Such recommendation shall include one of the following: (1)  
55 Expulsion, (2) censure, (3) reprimand, or (4) no action. The full Senate  
56 shall vote on any such resolution not later than ten days after the  
57 committee reports out any such resolution.

58 (g) The subject of any such complaint or investigation may be  
59 represented by counsel.

60 (h) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section,  
61 the committee shall adopt rules and procedures to govern its  
62 proceedings. Such proposed rules shall include, but not be limited to:  
63 (1) Standards, rules and methodology for conducting preliminary and  
64 full investigations, respectively, and (2) criteria for the making of a  
65 recommendation of expulsion, censure, reprimand and no action,  
66 respectively."